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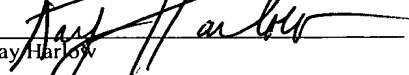
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In re the application of: )  
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Application No: 10/027,947 )  
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For: APPARATUS FOR )  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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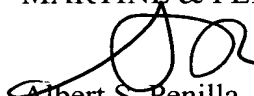
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 18, 2004, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute, without traverse, Species I, Claims 1-4, 11-13, 17-18, and 21 in the above-identified Patent Application.

Applicants believe that no fees are required in the filing of this Response. However, if it is determined that any fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. LAM2P309). Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this matter, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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